

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Amendment to title : The title of the invention is not descriptive, amend the title as following:

Facsimile apparatus having large display panel, operation panel, and document insert.
3. Amendment to claims: Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given by fax from Agatha H. Liu (Attorney for Applicant) received on May 6, 2011 as a result of the telephone interview with Agatha H. Liu on April 28, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (currently amended): ~~A facsimile an apparatus according to Claim 12, further comprising:~~

~~an operation panel arranged in an upper front position of an apparatus main body;~~

~~a display unit arranged in an upper portion of the apparatus main body, closely arranged relative to said operation panel, located in an upper rear position of said operation panel upon opening, and overlaid onto said operation panel upon closing;~~

~~a document inserting port arranged in the upper portion of the apparatus main body, for inserting an original document from a location to the rear of said display unit;~~

~~a document ejecting port arranged in a front portion of the apparatus main body for ejecting the original document; and~~

~~a recording paper inserting port arranged in the upper portion of the apparatus main body, for inserting a blank recording sheet from a location to the rear of said display unit,~~

~~wherein said display unit does not block any of said document inserting port, said document ejecting port or said recording paper inserting port when said display unit is closed, and~~

~~wherein said operation panel is disposed between said display unit and said document ejecting port.~~

2. (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display unit is rotated around a rotational center portion as a fulcrum provided for a rear portion of said operation panel, so that it is opened or closed to said operation panel.

3. (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1~~2~~, wherein an opening angle of said display unit is variable.

4. – 6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1~~2~~, wherein a third button group is arranged in an area of the first surface out of an area of said first display apparatus,

the user is notified of functions of said third button group by displaying onto said first display apparatus, and

the functions of said third button group are changed due to a change in contents displayed to said first display apparatus.

8. (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1~~2~~, further comprising

detecting means for detecting opening/closure of said display unit, wherein when said display unit is opened, said first display apparatus is set to a display mode and said second display apparatus is set to a non-display mode, and

when said display unit is closed, said first display apparatus is set to the non-display mode and said second display apparatus is set to the display mode.

9. (cancelled).

10 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 5 12, wherein said second button group includes buttons regarding telephone operation.

11. (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said second button group includes numeral buttons which are used when the user enters a telephone number.

12. (new): A facsimile apparatus comprising:

an operation panel arranged in an upper front position of an apparatus main body; and

a display unit arranged in an upper portion of the apparatus main body, closely arranged relative to said operation panel, located in an upper rear position of said of said operation panel upon opening, and overlaid onto said operation panel upon closing,

wherein said display unit comprises a first display apparatus arranged on a first surface and a second display apparatus arranged on a second surface opposite the first surface, wherein

when said display unit is opened, said first display apparatus is exposed and said second display apparatus is hidden from a user, and

when said display unit is closed, said first display apparatus is hidden and said second display apparatus is exposed to the user,

wherein said operational unit comprises a first button group and a second button group, wherein

when said display unit is closed, said first button group is hidden and said second button group is exposed to the user, and

when said display unit is opened, both of said first button group and said second button group are exposed to the user, and
wherein

said first button group comprises buttons regarding operation for contents which are displayed to said first display apparatus, and

said second button group comprises buttons by which operation can be executed only by displaying onto said second display apparatus without displaying onto said first display apparatus.

End of amendment.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: prior art of record fails to teach, or render obvious, alone or in combination, a facsimile apparatus comprising:

"an operation panel arranged in an upper front position of an apparatus main body; and a display unit arranged in an upper portion of the apparatus main body, closably arranged relative to said operation panel, located in an upper rear position of said of said operation panel upon opening, and overlaid onto said operation panel upon closing, wherein said display unit comprises a first display apparatus arranged on a first surface and a second display apparatus arranged on a second surface opposite the first surface, wherein when said display unit is opened, said first display apparatus is exposed, and said second display apparatus is hidden from a user, and when said display unit is closed, said first display apparatus is hidden and said second display apparatus is exposed to the user, wherein said operational unit comprises a first button group and a second button group, wherein when said display unit is closed, said first button group is hidden and said second button group is exposed to the user, and when said display unit is opened, both of said first button group and said second button group are exposed to the user, and wherein said first button group comprises buttons regarding operation for contents which are displayed to said first display apparatus, and said second button group comprises buttons by which operation can be executed only by displaying onto said second display apparatus without displaying onto said first

display apparatus"; in combination with all others limitations as recited in independent claim 12 and dependent claims of claim 12.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ngan Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)270-7533. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thur 8-5 est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Benny Tieu can be reached on (571)272-7490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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